

## Send a Postcard to Space



Image: A student postcard exemplar. (Source: [Club for the Future](#))

**Send a postcard to space and back!** Thanks to a partnership with Club for the Future. The Club’s mission is to inspire students to pursue careers in STEM and help visualize the future of life in space. This page explains the process of getting postcards to and from space.

If you are participating in the Tomatosphere™ you can use this activity to further the thinking about the needs of humans in space.

It is a fun craft or mindfulness activity that also sparks reflection and creativity.

### How to participate

Register for the project to gain access to the postcard template and detailed instructions.



Alt: A picture of a blank postcard with the words “your idea here.”

Print your postcard using the template. Draw or write your answer to the prompt “Imagine what will be needed to feed astronauts on the Moon or Mars” on the blank side of the postcard. Fill out the fields on the other side of the postcard and add a stamp.

Send your postcard to First the Seed Foundation at the address provided in the instructions. First the Seed Foundation will send all postcards to Club for the Future.

Club for the Future will send the postcards into low Earth orbit on the Blue Origin New Shepard rocket.



Alt: The Blue Origin New Shepard Rocket launches. (Source: [Blue Origin](https://www.blueorigin.com/))

Upon return, each postcard will get stamped with the Club’s official “Flown to Space” stamp.



Alt: A picture of the Club for the Future stamp design. (Source: [Club for the Future](#))

### **Participate with your class, school, or community group!**

Organizations can participate in the project as well. In fact, mailing postcards in bulk helps save on mailing costs and each postcard will get returned directly to the participants.

### **FAQ**

*How long will it take to get my postcard back from space?*

Due to the complicated logistics of getting to space, as well as delays in shipping due to COVID-19, there is likely to be a significant delay between when you send your postcards and when you get them back. It is probable postcards will not be returned before the end of the school year. As long as the address is present, the postcards will be returned directly to students.

*Shipping logistics are a barrier to my groups' participation. Can I still participate?*

First the Seed Foundation might be able to help you. Please contact [projectmanager@tomatosphere.org](mailto:projectmanager@tomatosphere.org) to discuss your situation.

*Who can participate in the project?*

Anyone who wants to own a postcard that has been to space can participate!

*My students are learning at home. Can my class still participate in the project?*

Yes, students learning virtually or those who are being homeschooled can participate in the project.

*Why do I/my students need to put home address information on the postcard?*

The address on the back of the postcard is the address to which the postcard will be returned once it has flown to space. Students will need the help and permission of their parents to put their home address on the postcard. If this is an issue, you can ask students to address their postcards to their school address instead. This means schools will take on the responsibility of returning postcards to students. Please note that postcards may not be returned in the same school year they were sent to space.

**Neither First the Seed Foundation nor Club for the Future will collect students' mailing addresses or other personal information on their postcards. Addresses on the postcards will be used only by the postal service to deliver the postcards.**

### **Rules and Regulations (H1)**

- The recommended postcard size is 3.5 × 5 inches. Please use a thick paper, such as cardstock to print your postcards. Do not exceed a maximum paper thickness of 0.016 inches. There is no minimum postcard size, but the maximum size is 4.5 × 6 inches, (we need to fit a lot of postcards in the rocket!).
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- CFTF has no obligation to fly any Space Mail. Space Mail chosen for flight will be flown at a date and time selected by CFTF, which is subject to change and cancellation at any time without prior notice.
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